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The Cabinet.

Secretary Lansing's virtual dismissal from office brings directly to the public mind that the cabinet is not an organic part of the federal administration. It has come into being entity only through long usage of the term as identifying the group of departmental heads acting as a unit when summoned by their chief, the President. There is in this country no cabinet in the sense of a ministry, as in England, France or Italy, where the government is administered by groups of men who are responsible collectively through their leaders to the parliamentary bodies. Save for the "advice and consent" of the Senate in appointment, the members of the President's cabinet have no direct relationship with Congress. They may be summoned as witnesses in matters of legislation or in inquiries into matters affecting their departments. They report, however, to the President and are responsible to him alone.

The Constitution's only reference to the so-called cabinet is that of section should desire, may confine his "cabinet meetings" to two or three chosen equal authority, invite to council any other person than a department head. He might, indeed, choose as advisers summon his "cabinet" in session.

President in any case solely responsible for the administration of fedaction in calling his colleagues together during the illness of the executive. The fact that the meetings were held, however, was greatly Wilson's incapacitation. The public was reassured that the government was functioning in the absence of the chief of state. Informal conferences could have been held by the department heads in their own offices or at their own homes without evoking any criticism, but they would not have been so effective in restoring public confidence in the stability of the government. Thus in following an example set during the illness of President Taylor, when the cabinet met with the chief's chair vacant, Secreetary Lansing rendered a valuable service to the country.

No possible harm could follow the "usurpation" of executive authority have thus agreed to take their chances of which the President has com-There was no concealment of the fact tion. They have nothing to gain from that the meetings were being held, going ahead without pay, or on a On the contrary, as just indicated, nominal pay basis, for they would all much of their value lay in publicity, presumably be re-engaged upon the for the effect upon the minds of the completion of the legislation which people. It is difficult, therefore, to now promises an appropriation. Their regard the cabinet meetings as the offer to proceed as though the funds true reason for the breach between were absolutely assured is a contributhe President and the Secretary of tion that is highly appreciated. This frankly avowed willingness and even of the schools pending appropriation his desire to retire from his office - and the District will be spared the the country in a critical situation- classes the ten thousand who are findit is a matter of the deepest regret ing in them the only means of gaining that the President did not put the needful instruction. It is to be ascase squarely before the Secretary sumed that Congress will not fail to when he found that their minds were enact the needful legislation. not "going along" together and suggest a resignation, which would of Its perfect harmony with the taste course have been at once forthcoming, and mental processes of the average been so sharply reminded of the fact of art. that for several months the government has been running virtually without a head.

Attention is drawn to Mr. Lansing ices as a ship salesman. as a man competent to perfect a rumorless resignation.

Lessening the Strike Menace.

Tentative acceptance by the rail road operatives' representatives of settlement of railroad wage disputes Bryan did. greatly eases the situation. The President has assured the workers, through their organization chiefs, that in case submit these proposals to a general

they will be definitely accepted, harmony prevails. That is the sen-though naturally the brotherhood sible course. The public wants the do not pledge acceptance.

meeting of February 23. If it does denied it during the many years. not, and the 300,000 men involved in the recent strike order go out, the settlement meeting of next week may be futile. As a token of good faith the brotherhoods should call upon the ties of adjustment.

Needed: Plain Common Sense.

sense and ordinary business prudence. for a six-hour sleep. It is no time to rock the boat.

formation derived from authoritative the strain of such continuous appli- tion!" and official sources, showing that Eu- eation? The problems confronting to meet all her real needs for Amer- from the volume of his tasks, but tals of the White House." ican goods and explaining the methods their complexity and weight of reby which this will be accomplished. sponsibility. Clemenceau was what in election? The Blaine episode?" There are to be no more direct loans this country we call "a horse for 2 of article II, which provides that by this government to European gov- work." Labor never seemed to tire to do with it. The Homestead riot opinion, in writing, of the principal poration is prepared to lend a billion have broken most backs. Perhaps yet he was no more responsible for reau of foreign and domestic com-special mation. opinion, in writing, of the principal officer in each of the executive departments." Congress may abolish, merge or add to the departments. It may by expansion make the cabinet all arge body or by reduction a small one. Similarly, the President, if he construction, in writing, of the principal officer in each of the executive departments. It may be a large body or by reduction a small one. Similarly, the President, if he construction, in writing, of the principal officer in each of the executive departments. It may be a large body or by reduction a small one. Similarly, the President, if he construction, in writing, of the principal operation is prepared to lend a billion have broken most backs. Perhaps that the man in the moon, Carmetric may be the transportant positions in the man in the moon, Carmetre have been sent to Constantion in to him, and he would be a matcher from the great lecturer mation in to him, and he would be a matcher from the great lecturer mation in to him, and he would be a matcher from the great lecturer become recally policy man. An interesting illustration of how that that than the man in the moon, Carmetre have been sent to Constantion in the man in the moon, Carmetre have been sent to Constantion of how and another is being held in leash for least for all it was one of the man in the moon, Carmere have been sent to Constantion in the man in the moon, Carmere have been sent to Constantion in the man in the moon, Carmetre and the democrate policy man.

An interesting illustration of how that the man in the moon in the moon, Carmere have been sent to Constantion in the man in the moon in the man in the moon of the man in the m one. Similarly, the President, if he lished Banking channels, and the sale not only for France, but for the in this country of foreign-issued and other nations. foreign-owned securities will help still department heads. Or he might, with further to finance the requirements of the striken peoples. America is prepared to extend to

the European nations all the help they any persons he desires outside of the really need. What has been cut off is administrative organization and never help that is not vital to their recovery and which it is better they should In these circumstances, with the not have. There is no cure for the war-sickness of Europe except the curtailment of imports and increased proeral affairs, the cabinet sessions have duction of goods for export. When no such grave importance as would they curtail their imports and increase appear to be given to them by Pres- their exports, necessarily there will be ident Wilson's objection to Mr. reduction in the volume of America's export trade to Europe. Production in this country will slow down, prices are likely to drop, and there will be lessened excess profits and fewer inhelpful in the crisis caused by Mr. flated incomes to bear the burden of taxation. The readjustment is not going to be without its pains and discomforts, but it will not be a major

> There is need both in Europe and in America for stout hearts and steady nerves. The world is very, very sick. but mortification has not yet set in The patient will not die-unless the doctors and the nurses kill it.

Night School Workers Volunteer.

those schools open despite the failure of "the more the merrier." of funds tomorrow. The spirit manifested by the men and women who with appropriations is most praiseplained in his letter to Mr. Lansing. worthy and calls for warm commenda-State. And in view of Mr. Lansing's method will insure the maintenance which he restrained from a sense of humiliating experience of closing loyalty to the President and duty to them and throwing out of their Will tell us as we plod the way

The country would have then been anonymous letter writer makes the a load of hay?" asked the superstitious Mr. Buchanan was safe in London givspared a shock and would not have comic valentine seem almost a work girl.

> If prohibition is counted as a deterrent to ocean travel, Old J. Barleycorn may decide to volunteer his serv-

Gradually all doubts are being cleared away as to who are going to run or only just to project around for a the railroads next summer.

At any rate, Secretary Lansing lastthe President's proposals for early ed very much longer than Secretary

Base Ball Peace.

The United States may be slow in the now pending return-of-control the matter of making peace with Gerlegislation provides for wage adjust- many, but the great American game ment methods he will exercise his in- has not failed to effect a moritorium fluence and his powers to effect early of its troubles. Tuesday at Chicago to do anything to make the trip worth not in condition to sustain the shock. adjustment, and in case it does not peace reigns between the base ball while." so provide he will use his influence factions that have been warring for with the heads of the corporations to some months. The hatchet is buried bring about such a settlement. The and the bat will swing instead. The heads of the brotherhoods agree to American League differences have been adjusted, all suits are withdrawn, meeting representative of the organ- the star pitcher whose antics last seazations, to be held in this city a week son precipitated the trouble has simply gives it away to perfect which subsequently brought him to from tomorrow. The prospect is that been restored to good standing and strangers."

chiefs, through whom the present ne- game played without constant distracgotiations have been made, cannot and tions in the way of disputes between owners and managers and legal pro-A railroad strike would be so ut- ceedings. It is a great game, highly terly disastrous to the country that it enjoyable and heavily patronized by about a second term in the presiis not to be regarded as possible. Yet the people. The maneuvers in and deney." the danger is present, so long as wage out of court during the past half year | "I remember. You said second terms matters are in dispute and the strike have been a handicap on players and had as a rule been successful." tlement. The situation is therefore make their pre-season boasts of pen- Harrison was not re-elected. In the delicate. It is fortunate that pre- nant winning; let the people study one case the country would have been cipitate action has not been taken by the schedules and watch the reluctant spared the Garfield tragedy and the the brotherhoods, similar to that all procession of holdouts toward the republican party the reverses that folready taken by the maintenance of contract tables. Base ball, freed from lowed, while in the other case the way and shopmen's organization. The litigation, will enjoy a prosperous country would have been spared Mr. expectation is that that body will season-and Washington still hopes Cleveland's return to the White House, suspend strike action pending the for the high honors that have been and the democratic party the rise of

A Full Day's Work.

Premier Millerand of France is second term." evidently one of the hardest workers in Europe. He has scheduled his day his elevation to the presidency adorganization that has already issued on the basis of fullest possible use of vised against a second campaign." a strike order to suspend it to permit his time for public affairs. He rises a settlement of the whole question, at 6 and after a brisk walk takes fice?" in the view of the people as a distinct which must be handled as an entirety breakfast—a veritable English breakto prevent inequity through inequaliforeign office, and then works until abler man than popularly appraised: noon, when he has a light luncheon and he had three men in his cabinet and a fifteen-minute rest. He then of the first class intellectually. Wil-Despite hysteria manifested in some resumes his work and continues until liam M. Ewarts ranks among the most quarters, neither Europe nor America 8 o'clock, when he goes home and accomplished men who have presided is at the brink of a financial crash. dines with his family. After dinner over the State Department, John Sher-There is no warrant for panic, but he communes with his correspondence man among the most useful who have there is every need for plain common in his study and retires at midnight presided over the Treasury Depart-

> In another column of today's Star productive in terms of work accom- the Interior Department." is published an article, based on in- plished. But can M. Millerand stand

> > A large amount of telephone conversation is taking place which involves no wear and tear on the telephone. Yet there may be an element of expense involved which the average citizen will be called upon to con-

> > According to report New York has faced a number of "food shortages." But according to statistics there has been no serious interruption of the

up impresses itself, for some mysteri- faculty of stirring his followers to the ous reason, as more reliable than an eenter." announcement that food prices are going down.

Canada is outspoken in its demand that its status in the league of nations shall be that of a principal and not a member of the chorus.

A cabinet resignation has no chance of lingering in a way that might make it resemble a prima donna farewell.

Various statesmen are inclined to Voluntary service by the night school teachers and janitors may keep regard cabinet resignations in a spirit

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER TORNSON

On the Way. The wagon's quickly rolling on.

We're journeying through the snow From wintry scenes we'll soon be gone To where the blossoms grow. And though the North Wind roars about.

As weary hills we climb, We're traveling still that good old

The Road to Summertime.

A glint of sunshine gleaming gay. And next the wild bird's song, We are not going wrong.

So never heed the skies that frown. The trip is worth the time. Just sing and smile while rolling down The Road to Summertime.

"Do you make a wish when you see

"Not if it's my hay," replied Farm er Corntossel, "With hay at present prices a man with a load of it doesn't and united his party for that camhave to wish. He's already got his."

Jud Tunkins says the value of an education depends on whether a man uses it to increase his workin' capacity loafin' job.

Busy New. Old Earth is full of care and pain At which the Skies might scoff. If old Mars calls us up again, We'll simply says, "Ring off!"

As Money Goes. "Money doesn't go as far as

used to." "It goes farther, but it doesn't seem

Bursts of Generosity. "Does your husband lose much

money at the races?"

"It doesn't look to me as if he loses any," replied young Mrs. Torkins. "He

Haves and Harrison. "We were talking the other day

remains as a possible weapon of en- a nuisance to the supporters of the "Yes, and I've often thought what forcing demands. There is no assured sport. Now let the teams go into their a pity it was that Hayes did not have means of securing arbitration and set-spring practice; let the managers a second term, and that Benjamin

Bryanism. Clevelandism, you know, produced Bryanism."

"Hayes, as I recall, did not seek a

"No; the circumstances attending "How did he acquit himself in of-

"Excellently. His administration was A full day! And doubtless highly of the men who have presided over

"What about Harrison's administra-

"That was excellent, too, Gen. Har rope will be able to obtain in this him are many and difficult. Most of rison was as clear-headed and as stoutcountry commercial credits sufficient the tension of his office comes not hearted a man as ever passed the por-"What caused his defeat for re

"No; that had practically nothing

ernments, but the War Finance Cor- him. He throve on burdens that would did the business for Harrison. And

"I repeat that. It will be a dead-

open-and-shut. His friends will do the maneuvering - 'unbeknowns' to him-and in due time he will surrender his views about a second term. and seek it."

Francisco nomination?"

ting busy everywhere. He has the

Davis and Buchanan. Ambassador Davis is snug in his

berth in London, and probably enjoying his experience. Now and then his trying to help them. Some of ther are investigating all sorts of propo name is mentioned in connection with sitions for the use of American capithe presidency. Under favorable cir. tal. it difficult to start a boom for him. The President likes him, and at home -in West Virginia-he is personally

with the factionism which has been showing its head in the democratic party of late, and which as convention times draws near is giving some presi-

dential aspirants no little uneasiness. While Mr. Bryan, Mr. Hitchcock, Mr. Mr. Marshall are within the danger zone, and liable to injury at any time, three thousand miles of blue water separate Mr. Davis from the commotion and give him an advantage. A similar advantage was once cap-

italized at a high figure by a presidential aspirant. Indeed, students of Buchanan's success in reaching the White House to the fact that during goods," a period of heated domestic politicsfrom 1853 to 1856-he was the American minister to England, engaged in us handling foreign affairs. While Judge dential aspirants were at home in the more or less "queering" themselves with both northern and southern men, ing attention to diplomacy. He resigned and came home in time to win his party's presidential nomination,

Mr. Davis is not as eminent a man as was the sage of Wheatland in 1856. Mr. Buchanan had served in both houses of Congress and in the office during the last year and a fair numof Secretary of State under President ber have decided to establish facto-Polk before entering the diplomatic field, and for some years had been one of his party's principal advisers. He was a very keen politician, but, as events proved, not a man for a supreme emergency. When the storm preme emergency. When the storm least this can be said, that all those began to gather in the winter of countries are building up their indus 1860-1 he neglected precautions he storm broke, soon after his retirement from office, the country's affairs were Mr. Lincoln's first difficulties in asserting the national authority had been bequeathed by his predecessor.

Mr. Davis' principal public service before he went to London was rendered as a member of the House. where he achieved the reputation the President's notice.



ment, and Carl Schurz among the best of the men who have presided over SENDING OUT NEW TRADE SCOUTS HEARD AND SEEN

newer countries of southeastern Europe Uncle Sam's trade Developing British scouts may be seen

Spreading as effectively in peace days for an cial standpoint. They are putting the simple fashion which demanded re-

land. They also brought in soup not represented last year. The trade received a note from him the other kitchens; and in little more than a extension investigators have gone into automobile export organization had year's time labor was on its uppers.
Had Harrison been re-elected we should have escaped many woes."

extension investigators have gone into automobile export organization had failed to supply the spare parts for the work has been extended into Italy and Spain where countries. The work has been extended into Italy and Spain where countries are known all over the world.

The interest taken in this country in foreign trade has increased enormously and the number of requests made Increase of to the bureau of for-Interest. eign and domestic "What are his chances for the San commerce has mounted steadily. American business men want informanities. They ask for a great deal of

> deal of time to look up. Quite a number of American comexporting houses are endeavoring to study very carefully the developments in the newer countries as well as the uncertain conditions in the older countries. They are trying to feel their way and Uncle Sam is

Not only in the European countries cumstances his friends might not find especially the new ones, but also into it difficult to start a boom for him South America and the far east, the American manufacturers and export-ers are sending their own investiga--in West Virginia—he is personally looks upon foreign trade as a great very popular. He has ability and so-factor in the prosperity of the United cial charm, and has seen something of politics.

Mr. Davis is escaping close contact

States, and as a great opportunity, albeit a problem, which they must be prepared to intelligently, and probably profitably, handle.

The general world conditions at present are so unsettled that these American business interests are not mak-Conditions. which they do not feel slow and want definite, concrete information, and this Uncle Sam is en-

deavoring to assist and guide them in collecting. Philip B. Kennedy, director of the bureau of foreign and domestic com-merce, explained this to the House apmerce, explained this to propriations committee during hear-ings on the legislative, executive and indicial appropriation bill. "What are judicial appropriation bill. those people going to pay dential aspirant. Indeed, students of those people going to pay us with?"

American history have ascribed Mr. he was asked by Chairman Wood of the subcommittee. "Eventually they will have to pay us for the export of goods," Mr. Kennedy replied. "It is good business for us to stake them, so

that they can get their industries go-ing, in order that they can pay us back what they have borrowed from This will have no serious effect on Douglas and other democratic presined, in reply to an inquiry. d constantly terials for our manufactures, and the thick of the melee over slavery, and low price of raw materials helps us to sell our goods abroad to advan-tage. There are a great many things that can be brought in without in jury to American industry, he said.

> There is a growing tendency on the part of American capital to establish factories abroad and Establishing so get the advantage of cheap raw material Factories. and cheap labor. A number of leading American firms

considered such a policy carefully

ries abroad. Great Britain is America's chief competitor now, with other nations as potential competitors. France is quickly attaining a substantial posiwith regard to certain of he Grance has one very large plant. At tries on a very large scale, looking to the future and now is the time for

should have taken. So that when the the United States to get a flying This sum is estimated as necessary "We are up against studious rienced, trained men, studying these international conditions, and we canafford to have our country lag beits export trade to its At the present time there is a dis-Mr. Kennedy urged tinct need for reinforcing the percompetitors." members of Congress. During most of the war he was in charge of American trade interests in London, and he particularly warns that "I have become pretty well acquaint-

The British, he explained, are devel-

ed with the British overseas trade de-

partment. They are making it

and making a real thing out of it.'

Whatever may be one's opinion on As the war clouds lift over the oping a commercial service. Their the question of spiritualism, there walking in to let the Commercial Service. devoted it- lecturer in self so much last week. the Word. walking in to let the people know that to the matter of shipping that it has The noted British scientist spoke Ex-Confederate

should have escaped many woes."

"You predicted the other day a renomination for Bryan—his fifth—in case of his selection this year."

"In work has been extended into Italy and that in the city of Brussels there were no offices of the United States were about thirty or forty buyers of Department of Commerce. And for the first time a representative has been sent into Switzerland.

Immediately the bureau wrote no only to the firm involved, but to all the other Exported Autos Must firms export-

ing automo-Be Reliable. biles and to the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, telling them to bring to "As good now as the next fellow's.

American business men want information?"

American business men want information of their manufacturers immediately that if they could not extend to develop in the District fifty years. special information. The bureau also in a foreign country they had better not export, because bad service would injure everything else exported from nical information that requires a great America, from harvesting machines to clothes. The bureau holds that the demonstrate that new manufacturer's responsibility for his vention, the telephone. product never ceases where foreign markets for American products are

concerned.

For the promotion of commerce the bureau has asked Congress for \$500,-000. It is not always easy to get the right sort of men for this foreign trade promotion service. For exam-ple, during the last three months the bureau has been endeavoring to get a satisfactory man for the trade com missioner vacancy in Russia—a man who has had experience in that territory. There have been many appli cants, but there has been great diffiguage or because the applicants were not 100 per cent Americans, on which

One of the progressive plans of the bureau is to win trade by the use of moving pictures to edu- purpose. Using the cate the foreigners to an understanding of American Movies. industries and their superior product. For this \$69,000 is

point the bureau is extremely careful.

United States agents in the "field," as as we call upon various foreign visitors to address chambers of commerce, commercial schools, etc. Dr. MacElwee told the House appropriations committee that if we can provide these speakers with the facilities for showing the resources ture that is one of the strongest adver-tisements that can be set to work tisements that can be set to work. England and Canada have both devoted much more than this to such an enter-prise. Germany did much propaganda

The plan outlined is, for example, show how various American motor cars are manufactured—not one particular make of car, but all of the best types; to have the reel trace the steel from the Mesaba range down the great lakes to the mills and make a story of it. this way an hour or two of wonderful propaganda work can be done. MacEiwee himself used to sell elevators. described to the committee how had wonderful success in showing the building of the greatest skyscraper in "This building would have been useless elevators

This is education work of the highest and finest sense, but individuals Funds Needed for

Film Propaganda. not as individual commercial concerns. Dr. MacEl- fice you are met with courtesy. The wee impressed upon the committee that men, and the women, too, smile. It is a pleasure to go there, and if you already the government has in the bureau of mines of the Interior Departreau of mines of the Interior Department and in the forestry bureau of the son, you got to know him very well son, you got to know him very well from the actions and words of those Department of Agriculture a wonderful collection of films, and there is available one penny to take off copies to be used to show the enormous lumber resources of the United States in selling American lumber abroad. The House committee on interstate and foreign commerce has also been impressed with this moving picture

propaganda." An increase of \$135,000 is requested for strengthening the present offices

trade extension as

The total sum requested is sonnel in the posts already estabmore attractive and enable the men abroad to live in keeping with the nity of their position. The estimates around but myself.

provide more adequately for personal

Tokio and Petrograd.
WILL P. KENNEDY. | gloon

consular was little doubt that Sir Oliver Lodge service has made a favorable impression as a devoted it- lecturer in his two appearances here

America can "deliver the goods" just not been of much use from a commer- sincerely of his beliefs in a direct, honest profit as this nation did during the war in the interests of humanity and that liberty might not perish.

Already representatives of the bushes and the principal man here, and the consular service under the commercial attache service. The British commercial attache service. The British commercial attache service under the commercial spect. He made many in his auditaction which demanded respect to the special service under the commercial attache service. The British commercial attache service under the commercial attache service under the commercial attache service under the commercial attache service. The British commercial attache service under the commercial attache service. The British commercial attache service under the commercial attaches attached attaches attached attaches attached att

> to Sir Oliver, Darwin spent many mus to issue on Messrs. Edmonston, hours studying flowers, and one day Newman and Coakley, judges of election for Georgetown, D. C., requiring fore a certain flower. Darwin stood and stood, and stared and stared at the flower which was

the subject of his meditations that Darwin moved not. The housekeeper made several futile visits to him, but did not succeed in her efforts to attract his attention. With intent eye he studied the color-

"There he is a-looking at his old

ation of his flower, doubtless revolv

In the course of his second lecture communication itself by telling of the first experiments made in England to demonstrate that new American in-

The experiment was conducted on stage, one telephone being on the platform and the other back in an-other part of the building A large and distinguished audience witnessed demonstration. Sir Oliver told it this

way:
"This great scientific man, standing before an audience with a telephone in his hand, and an assistant in a distant room, said:
"Hey, diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle—now go on with that!"
"Then he listened, and exclaimed in delight, 'I heard him! I heard him

delight, 'I heard him! I heard him say, "The cow jumped over the moon!"
"That may seem trivial," continued Sir Oliver, "but the triviality of the message does not count in the least. In other words, nothing is common or unclean if one uses it for the right

Spiritualism has nothing at all to do with the following strange fact, noticeable throughout the government departments: The spirit of the "boss" While Mr. Bryan, Mr. Hitchcock, Mr. Conditions. which they do not feel the foreign posts are called, are frequently called upon to make talks, are frequently called upon to make talks, used whole atmosphere of his office, whether he is in it or out of it.

If the head of a big federal bureau, United States sort of man, with comcharacter, you'll find that the same characteristics are marked in his under officials, down to the mes On the other hand, if the "boss" is a grouch, when you go into his office you will meet a whole office full of

imitations of the "boss. Even the messenger will be curt to men many times his superior. The clerks take delight in being officious, the pretty stenographers sniff audibly at visit-ors, and the chief clerk is no way near as decent as he might be In fact, for good or ill, the character of the "boss" is stamped as plain-ly on that whole office as if it were written in big letters on the wall The keen observer does not need written characters. He can smell it. Traveling men will tell you the same thing. The A-1 traveling sales-man does not have to meet the boss to tell you what the boss is like. One

President Ham of the Washington Railway and Electric Company recent- \$5.75 and paid it rather than go to ly told a group of citizens that his street railway has improved very

were inclined to believe him. But Mr. Ham never could have convinced a man who got on a car at Union station, and got "hung up" below Dupont circle. The car was stalled for several minutes only, but it was time enough and plenty to allow the was confident to spy surveying his bright buttons in a doorway, and But Mr. Ham never could have contraveler to express his opinion.
"I have been traveling all over the cellent.

and everybody in general.
"I have traveled on trains, interurbans and street cars," the man con-tinued. "I caught trains in the small hours of the night and changed cars "But in all that time I never missed service, including interpreters and an appointment. I had to come back translators at such posts as Peking, here to my home town to get tied up."

gloomily

There are two ways to make counterfeiting difficult; one is to produce a currency note Plain Notes to Beat as intricate and

other is to print it as simple as possi-

Counterfeiters.

laborate as pos-

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN

THE STAR.

ble and of a distinctive design and color hard to imitate exactly. The latter method was proposed fifty years facility displayed by the counterfeiters in imitating the national currency. The swift and successful recent note suggests the importance of devising some plan by which these manufacturers of bogus money may be 'euchered'. The superintendent of the note printing bureau has suggested and the Secretary is considering the following plan: To devise plainest kind of engraving so that of a peculiar quality and then let the counterfeiters go to work. The idea is that the least variation in the quality or appearance of the paper, once be discovered; and the moment a counterfeit makes its appearance al mitated can be called in at once when the Treasury may immediately when the Treasury may immediately issue another plate. This plan has been successfully pursued by the Bank of England for many years."

For some time after the civil war the question of restoration of the

Asks for a Vote. participates the secession movement troubled the federal authorities. Washington then having the vote, the matter was occasionally an issue here in the District. In The Star of February 8, 1870, is an item to this effect: "This morning Charles Wheatley,

by his attorney, Mr. A. G. Riddle, filed a petition in the Circuit Court them to show cause why a peremptory mandamus should commanding them to enter his name on the list of qualified voters of that city, and Judge Cartter directed the the subject of his meditations that writ to issue. The petitioner sets day. The hour for tea came, and yet forth that he, Wheatley, is a qualified voter; that since the termination of the late war he has taken the oath of allegiance; that he was a private soldier in the army of the so-called Confederate States, and as such was amnesty under the proclamation of the President of July 4, 1868, and that on the 28th of January he made ap-plication to have his name pisced on the list of voters and was that unless his name is placed on the list he will be deprived of his polit ical and civil rights, etc.

The territorial movement continue

cal opposition The District's Reorganization. litical nature. In The Star of February 9, 1870, is the following:

"The committee appointed by Judge Fisher to prepare a plan of govern-ment for this District, of which Hon A. G. Riddle is chairman, is compose of men of intelligence, all interested in promoting the welfare of the Na-tional Capital, and will, we trust and believe, present a plan for the gov-ernment of this District which will command the approval of a very great command the approval of a very great majority of our people. The views of the chairman, as we understand them, are to prepare a plan giving to the entire District a legislative assem-bly, which shall be clothed by Con-gress with full power to legislate on all rightful subjects not inconsistent all rightful subjects not inconsistent with the Constitution; this legislative body thus organized to enact all general laws for the District, thus relieving Congress of the burdens of attempting to legislate for the local wants of 170,000 people. The proposed plan, we understand, does not raise the question of interference with the municipalities of Washington and Georgetown, but if these two ton and Georgetown, but if these two corporations continue in existence their authority over municipal matters will be derived from the legislature of the District instead of from or head official is stamped on the Congress. There is a general disposi-whole atmosphere of his office, wheth-er he is in it or out of it.

There is a general disposi-tion on the part of Congress, so far as our knowledge extends, to grant to as our knowledge extends, to grant to the head of a big federal bureau, instance, is a genial, open-hearted ited States sort of man, with comn sense and courtesy uppermost in

> A letter appearing in The Star of February 11, 1870, and signed "Taxpayer." is evidence of the trials to Troubles of a which the local pop-Householder. ulation was subject-

> > ed fifty years ago

"The question whether taxpayers and housekeepers have any rights which policemen and magistrates are bound to respect here no doubt has often suggested itself to that unhappy class of individuals; but yesterday it was suggested so very forcibly to myself that I am fain to propound it for your thousands of city readers for their edification ninute in his plant, and, though the and possible admonition. A few days head of the firm may be hundreds of miles away, that salesman has a pretty good mental picture of the missioner and inquired whether if missioner and inquire pleasure to a pile of ashes were wheeled from unless as a film tell of one government office where corporation and you don't have to meet the "big boss" take the ashes carted away. 'Cer fied at the time. Well, yet about 2 o'clock I notified to meet a two-fisted, upstanding American. When you go in that of missioner that the ashes h been wheeled to the street carte

said they would at once off. This morning at about the policeman served on rant to appear for a cause of the aforesaid forthwith repaired trate's office and sta ted under oat all the facts in de The magistrate, you dd 75 cents for conknow, gets the much in its service during the past Returning to my house, I found the few months. The citizens present s reet commissioner's men were busy were equally busy information vouchsafed by that ex he announced, to nobody in particular their houses and find out the names and everybody in general. And all this happened not a hundred miles from the first ward. And if it is specimen of the

ple of that region may it not be well for them to know it, in order always to have the \$5.75 ready for fines and costs, or else, peradventure, reluc-tantly to reconcile themselves to some sort of a change?